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Seldom, if ever, in a period of two months has there been as thorough missionary cultivation as took place in this Conference with the help of Dr. Mary F. Cushman of Africa and Rev. George W. Shepherd of China. Mr. Shepherd stayed eleven days, giving 16 addresses, reaching nine churches directly, a large number of churches at the annual meeting of the Bay Association, various luncheon clubs in a number of cities, and also Pacific School of Religion. Dr. Mary Cushman reached 33 churches, spoke at Pilgrim Fellowship rallies, the Federation of Congregational Women, a number of high schools and clubs, and a mass meeting of East Bay Negro churches. No one knows, not even Dr. Cushman, how many addresses she gave. In addition, there were personal interviews by both of these leaders with some hundreds of people. Special offerings were taken by the churches in almost all cases, which will be credited to the apportionment but not on the Conference goals. These two leaders are very different. Dr. Shepherd is a statesman who illustrates the impact of the church upon social, economic, political and international life, able to interpret world movements and indicating clearly the part which China is to play in the family of nations. Dr. Cushman possesses an impelling sympathy for suffering humanity and an evangelistic fervor. She believes that the healing of bodies and the saving of souls go hand in hand. Her enthusiasm and devotion are contagious. It would not be surprising if at least one young couple goes from Northern California to take her place in the mission field. Northern California churches will long remember the visits of these great leaders.

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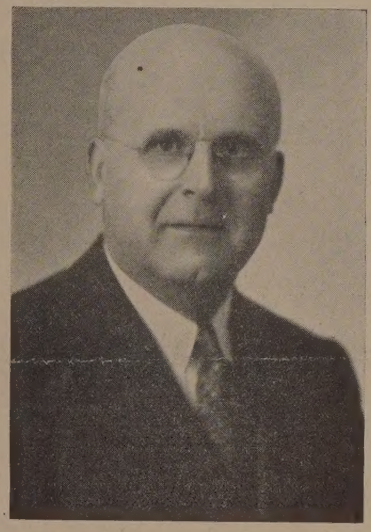
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25—Easter.
April 26-28—Pastors' Retreat, Mt. Hermon.
April 30—San Joaquin Association, Porterville.
April 30-May 2—German Conference, Lodi.
May 4—Central Association, Angels Camp.
May 5—Sacramento Valley Association, Loomis.
May 6—Upper Bay Association, Port Chicago.
May 7—Pacific School of Religion Commencement.
May 11—Bay Association, Park Presidio Community Church, San Francisco.
May 12—Santa Clara Association, Santa Cruz.
May 13—Spring Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, First Church, Berkeley.
May 14—Redwood Empire Association, Kenwood.
July 28-August 2—M. E. M. Conference, San Anselmo.
October 19-21—State Conference, Plymouth Church, Oakland.

Mrs. Royal G. Whiting is Associate Director of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches, and Executive Secretary of the Congregational Christian Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services. She has done most of the editorial work on the monthly magazine, "Social Action." She is a graduate of Wellesley College and is well known among Boston social agencies. As a special speaker at the Bay, the Santa Clara and the Redwood Empire Associations, and at the spring meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, she will make vivid the important work which our fellowship is doing among victims of the war and those who are engaged in war services, as well as our program for understanding the true meaning of democracy and for studying plans for the building of a better world order.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT

At the suggestion of the Laymen's Commission, the laymen of the East Bay churches will hold a retreat for one afternoon and evening, Palm Sunday, April 18, at the home of Mr. Harold T. Avery, 1129 Mandana Blvd., Oakland. The retreat will begin at 3:30. Mr. C. T. Tinker will preside, and other members of the team of leaders will be Prof. John C. Bennett of Pacific School of Religion, Rev. T. T. Giffen of Petaluma, and Supt. Harley H. Gill. There will be a fellowship hour with refreshments from six to seven, and the retreat will close at nine o'clock with a devotional service led by Mr. Peirce Coombes, chairman of the Commission. The committee on arrangements includes Charles T. Tinker, George B. Martin, Barrett N. Coates, Harold T. Avery and Supt. Gill.



Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, D.D., Minister and Secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, is making his first official visit to California after assuming the duties of his office. He has been an outstanding pastor in Northfield, Minn.; Claremont, Calif., and Lansing, Mich., but has served as member of various national Boards and Commissions. At one time he served as a missionary in Japan, and made a world tour prior to the war, which gives him first-hand information of our work the world around. From his busy life he will devote sufficient time to visit all of our Associations and interpret to us the indispensable part which the missionary effort must play in the building of a new world.

SERVICE TO SOLDIERS

The Laymen's Commission of the Northern California Congregational Conference, after consultation with Chaplain Earl D. Weed of the Western Defense Command, is suggesting to churches that each church or group of churches accept responsibility for furnishing simple comforts for small units of soldiers stationed at isolated places up and down the coast. There are groups of soldiers guarding tunnels, bridges, and manning listening posts and anti-aircraft guns, so few in number that they have only occasional visits from chaplains or representatives of the U. S. O. Churches that would like to cooperate in furnishing magazines, games, writing materials, or simple furniture, should send such word to the Conference office. Chaplain Weed will endeavor to link up the church with the project, but will not be able to give the name of the unit or its location, due to military considerations.

SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

It's not a bit too early to begin thinking and talking and planning "SUMMER CONFERENCE." Directors and faculties are already at work on plans. Local Fellowships can earn money for delegates. Start planning now!

HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Lakewood (Central District)	June 13-19	Mr. Linn
Sequoia (San Joaquin)	June 13-19	Mr. Rice
Loma Mar (East and West Bay)	June 26-July 3	Mr. Conard
Lokoya (Redwood-Upper Bay)	August 8-14	Mr. Meyer

ADVANCED CONFERENCE

"Zephyr-at-Berkeley" (Northern California)	July 2-5	Mr. Casaday

Details about the cost, program, and accommodations at the various conferences will appear in subsequent issues.

ZEPHYR AT P.S.R.

"Zephyr-at-Berkeley" has been launched and on July 2-5 will sail the waters. The place of this year's Advanced summer conference is the Pacific School of Religion, whose facilities have been set at our disposal through the kindness of President McGiffert. This central location and the shorter period will appeal to the group who would, but cannot, get to Lake Tahoe this summer. Living quarters will be furnished in the school's dormitory and adjacent houses, with meals served in the "Commons."

The question arises as to who may attend this "Zephyr-at-Berkeley" Conference. As before, the conference is adjusted to the needs of juniors and seniors of high school, college age and young adults. Leadership training is stressed. Young people who have been to previous district conferences are encouraged to attend this conference following their high school sophomore year.

Now here is the final good news about "Zephyr-at-Berkeley," a kind of dessert in this menu! As central figures of the conference there will be two nationally famous and outstanding Congregational leaders, Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury of Boston, Secretary of the American Board; and Rev. Henry David Gray, pastor of the Oneonta Church in South Pasadena and formerly Secretary of the Christian Education Division. The Young People's Work Committee has tried for at least eight years to bring Miss Seabury to California for a summer conference program. Gray is the author of a much read volume, "A Theology for Christian Youth." Rev. G. Arthur Casaday of Mill Valley has been selected as Director of the conference.

FISCAL YEAR SURPLUS

The fiscal year of the Conference came to a close on March 31 with a unique achievement, namely, a substantial surplus. It was not necessary this year to have a campaign of solicitation at the close of the year for a deficit, but contributors were given the opportunity of sending gifts for new work. The surplus came as the result of an increase in the regular apportionment giving of the churches. In other items there was some gain and some loss. The surplus was also because of considerable savings in the budget, part of which was due to having no field secretary for a portion of the year. It is the hope of the Board that with the balance carried forward some definite pieces of new work may be undertaken during the coming year.

EASTER SUNRISE

The great sunrise Easter service atop Mt. Davidson in San Francisco will be held for the 21st consecutive Easter morning. It will commence at sunrise, 6:22 a. m., and will be broadcast over Station KGO and perhaps by short wave to the men in the armed forces. Congregationalists are very happy that the choice of the preacher of the morning has fallen upon Rev. Vere V. Loper of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

Persons having responsibility for arranging food and refreshments for use at our various church organizations should see their local War Price and Rationing Board and ask for Form R-11307, which gives instructions covering the registration of institutional users.

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LOYAL AND PROMPT

For the first quarter of 1943 the report of receipts from the churches is encouraging. There is a gain over the previous year, and that in spite of the fact that no strong effort was made in March to secure contributions from individuals, so that about one-half as much came from individuals during the quarter as in the like period a year ago. There is evidence that our churches are undiminished in their loyalty, and are more prompt in their remittances. We are especially indebted to the Pilgrim Fellowship young people for $182.50 which came during the quarter toward their projects. A little later a special item will give individual church credit.

	March 1943	Jan.1 to Mar.31,'43	Jan.1 to Mar.31'42
Adin	$ 3.40	$ 3.40	$ 8.06
Alameda	115.18	201.07	5.00
Alturas	6.39	6.39	11.72
Angels Camp	37.50	37.50	40.00
Antioch	12.44	12.44	6.26
Auburn	10.00	30.00	43.07
Benicia	.....	.....	5.00
Berkeley, First	343.16	1,272.03	1,508.70
Kensington	20.00	20.00	.....
North	37.90	104.50	89.20
Park	22.01	22.01	17.93
Campbell	.....	.....	65.00
Cedarville	25.00	25.00	25.00
Cloverdale	27.68	34.47	17.14
Cotati	8.20	8.20	20.00
Crockett	26.08	26.08	36.15
Etna	.....	.....	5.32
Eureka	.....	63.27	116.39
Ferndale	87.35	87.35	84.10
Fresno, First	165.33	615.33	181.83
Pilgrim	100.00	100.00	68.08
Glen Ellen	.....	10.00	.....
Kenwood	12.30	12.30	6.10
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	18.27	.....
First	22.25	328.25	310.00
Loomis	23.05	23.05	.....
Martinez	46.91	99.23	80.05
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	490.00	1,370.00	1,275.00
Fruitvale	15.00	15.00	.....
Pilgrim	.....	6.00	12.17
Plymouth	146.95	262.63	149.19
Oroville	37.15	37.15	.....
Pacific Grove	.....	18.80	52.03
Palo Alto	250.00	250.00	250.00
Paradise	60.00	110.00	75.00
Parlier	10.00	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	22.25	22.25	10.00
Pescadero	.....	.....	2.50
Petaluma	174.05	200.03	65.35
Pittsburg	22.85	53.65	31.03
Porterville	90.00	90.00	80.00
Redwood City	253.94	253.94	149.50
Rio Vista	14.00	14.00	.....
Ripon	23.55	46.16	44.18
Sacramento	47.76	158.76	230.03
Salida	25.00	25.00	30.00
San Carlos	22.46	35.46	25.28
San Francisco—			
Bethany Mission Pk.	.....	.....	68.88
First	53.55	191.04	385.52
Ocean View	10.00	25.00	25.00
Richmond	.....	37.50	.....
San Jose	65.00	215.00	205.00
San Leandro	.....	.....	25.10
San Mateo	161.95	252.25	10.00
Santa Cruz	150.00	150.00	146.00
Santa Rosa	27.00	38.00	30.50
Saratoga	156.29	156.29	206.77
Sebastopol	.....	.....	52.27
Sonoma	.....	31.40	22.10
Soquel	25.00	25.00	25.00
Stockton	55.70	90.56	127.61
Suisun	25.00	25.00	.....
Tulare	119.23	179.23	136.50
Weaverville	20.00	20.00	20.00
Woodside	26.00	26.00	30.00
Reno, Nevada	70.60	103.82	56.20
Miscellaneous	432.58	542.58	1,049.00
	$4,254.99	$8,328.64	$7,943.81

PESCADERO. Regular services are held twice a month by Mr. Ralph H. Watkins, which are reasonably well attended. The Ladies' Guild meets regularly.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CONSCIENCE' SAKE

"If this war is being fought for anything that is worthwhile surely it is being fought for the right to think and act as conscience dictates." So one mother declared as she proudly sent one son to serve in the armed forces of the United States and another son to a Civilian Public Service camp. Another mother tells how one of her sons in the armed service is helping to pay the $35 a month that is needed to keep his brother at one of the camps. Asked about it, the soldier brother said, "But isn't that what we are fighting for?"

One hundred thirty-three denominations are represented in the 65 camps run by the National Service Board. Men from every walk of life yet united in one purpose, that being that they will not take up arms against mankind or willingly engage in work that helps the war effort. Back of this decision is a firm belief that all men are members of the family of God and therefore brothers. The conscientious objector refuses to use violent means against fellow members of God's family. Instead, he will give his life if need be to help bring about peace in the world.

There are some 6,000 men in these camps, doing work of national importance, and about 500 of them are in detached service as orderlies in mental hospitals and other public welfare services. On October 1, 1942, one hundred one men of this 6,000 were Congregationalists. Some of these men are able to pay their own way, or they receive help from families and friends. Others depend upon the goodwill of churches and other peace-minded organizations. At the present time, because contributions from Congregational sources have not totaled enough to meet the expenses of Congregational men, there is an unmet balance of $8,916. That balance has been met by the Brethren, Friends, and Mennonites, who have agreed to underwrite this program.

Not a few who personally cannot agree with conscientious objectors have contributed because they believe that the courage of conviction, the integrity of purpose, and Christian spirit of these young men should be kept alive.

—By Miss Mary Coxhead for Social Action Committee.

DEVOTIONAL QUARTERLY

The newly-published "Daily Devotions for Spring 1943" is now available at four cents per copy. Since this booklet overlaps somewhat on the Lenten season, the readings printed in "The Fellowship of Prayer" up to April 25 are duplicated in the new booklet. Continuing on from there through May and June there are helpful daily readings and prayers. Copies may be obtained through the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Mr. David Stowe, the new director at Plymouth House, has been spending much time in becoming acquainted with his task and outlining the program with the new officers. An all-church youth rally was broadcast over KRE, the music and worship service being planned and presented by the young people. Rev. E. Stanley Jones was speaker at an interdenominational meeting.

FROM REV. J. J. JONES

A good many readers of "Pacific" will regret to learn of the serious illness of Rev. J. J. Jones, formerly pastor at Santa Rosa and more recently with the Presbyterian denomination at Cambria, California. Mr. Jones is living temporarily in Pasadena and is under the doctor's care. He is a regular and interested reader of "The Pacific."

P. F. NEW LINE-UP

A considerable shake-up has taken place in the Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet with the departure of Ted Winslow on March 24 for Santa Ana. We did not want Ted less, but his draft board wanted him more! We shall miss him, but our regard and prayers will go with him. Ernie Taron, Pilgrim Fellowship Vice-President, had preceded Ted by only a short period.

New lineup of the Cabinet is as follows: President, Virginia Piper, 5701 Keith Ave., Oakland; 1st Vice President, LaVerne Brookover, 2422 Prospect St., Berkeley; 2nd Vice President, Dick Uren, 1604 Grove St., Berkeley; Secretary, Dorothy Emigh, Box 427, Rio Vista. Rev. Fred Morrow, Box 255, Saratoga, is temporarily serving as Adviser.

ATTENTION!

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP!
FREE — Trip to Your Summer — FREE Conference

The Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will give a Summer Conference Scholarship to the high school student, BOY or GIRL, who writes the best paper on the

TOPIC: WHY I SHOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A SUMMER CONFERENCE

Rules of the game:

1. Give your name, the name of your high school and your year.
2. Length of paper: 400 to 500 words. Write on one side of paper only.
3. Deadline: All papers must be mailed on or before May 15, 1943. No papers will be returned.
4. Judges: Mrs. E. W. Drury, Stockton; Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Stockton, and Rev. Fred Morrow, Saratoga.

Send all papers to Mrs. E. B. Kientz, 643 W. Vine St., Stockton, Calif.

FREE — Trip to Your Summer — FREE Conference

Each year Rural Life Sunday is observed on the fifth Sunday after Easter. This year it coincides with Memorial Day. An order of service has been prepared, which may be ordered in quantities, at the rate of 50 cents per hundred, from Rev. Thomas Alfred Tripp, director of the Town and Country Department, Board of Home Missions, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.

LIEUTENANT, J.G.

When The Pacific went to press a month ago no definite word had come from Rev. Edward Reighard except that he was in Navy Chaplains School. He has been graduated and was valedictorian of his class. He is now stationed at Bennett Field, New York, with the rank of Lieutenant, Junior Grade.

LOLETA. New song books have been purchased and a young people's society has been formed. About half of the persons who attend are young people of the seventh and eighth grades. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker of Ferndale continues his oversight of this work.

ELK GROVE. The effect of gas rationing on attendance is severe since only two families of this church live in the town. Rev. John F. Reister, pastor, is preparing a class of young people for membership at Easter.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The month of March was designated a month of catholicity, in which the pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr, brought lessons from other denominations, including the Catholic, Orthodox, and Christian Science churches.

SANTA CRUZ. A large congregation greeted Dr. Mary Cushman at a morning church service. She also spoke before the pastor's Bible class and to the children of the Sunday School. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

SOQUEL. On the last Sunday of March a beautiful service of dedication of the service flag and honor roll was held at the conclusion of morning worship. This little church has 35 names on the honor roll. Rev. T. Davis Preston, pastor, has been giving much time in digging up interesting items of the early history of the church, looking toward the 75th anniversary in July.

LODI, FIRST. Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor, is conducting three Lenten pastor's classes weekly, one for adults on Wednesday evening, one for grade school children Sunday morning, and one for older youth Sunday evening. His Lenten sermons are a series on "How to Become a Christian." With nine other churches, this church is sharing in a Home Visitation Evangelism program.

PORTERVILLE. Nine new members were received at a recent communion. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, the pastor, is assisting in a church survey of the community. On Wednesday evenings the Parables of Jesus are interpreted, and for the Lenten Sunday morning services a series of sermons on "Overcoming the World" is being preached.

OROVILLE. Rev. Frank E. Carlson declares that he has never seen as fine a reception to a new minister as that which was accorded to him upon his arrival. The Pilgrim Guild of the church has been active with regular and interesting meetings. The church is taking steps to clear up some defects in the title to the property.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. This church celebrated its 17th anniversary with a dinner and an inspiring program. Superintendent Gill gave the anniversary address. A birthday cake with various decorations was auctioned, bringing a total of about $225 for church expenses. Bibles have been given for Service men. Rev. V. B. Amirkhanian is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE AND MONTE RIO. In May a young Presbyterian minister will take charge of Monte Rio, and Guerneville will hereafter stand on its own feet. There has been splendid progress in the Sunday School, both in enrollment and in the personnel of the teaching force. Mr. Alfred Focht is pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. The Pilgrim Fellowship has lost its president to the Marines. A movie benefit enabled the club to pay its missionary pledge and make a contribution to the building fund. The carpenter work on the annex is completed. At a men's work night the walls were stained. The choir is preparing for Easter. Mr. Sherwood Wirt is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The men of the church have painted the new fence, which practically completes the renovation of church property. The high school young people enjoy games following their meetings. Young adults are purchasing their own hymn books. Mr. Eugene Sill is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Rev. Torrance Phelps is conducting a class at 11:30 on Friday mornings on "The Spiritual Life and Personal Problems." He will use great religious books, including "Imitation of Jesus," Stanley Jones' "Abundant Living," and others.

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. P. N. Bennett is preaching a series of sermons during Lent on "Our Christian Faith—What We Believe." New members will be received on Palm Sunday. The church has a fine new honor roll, and the Service flag is on the way.

MARTINEZ. Rev. Huber Burr is supplying this church during Lent.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, FIRST. The 1943 Lenten program is commensurate with the size and influence of this great church. Every Sunday morning at the College of Life there is an address by some outstanding leader on "The Peace and After." At the same hour Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, conducts a training class for church membership of young people of ninth grade and above. At morning worship the sermons during Lent are on "The Beatitudes Today." At the KRE radio service visiting ministers take their turn. Each Wednesday evening there is a neighborhood devotional service, led by the pastor, and on each Thursday morning he teaches a class on "The Man Jesus Christ." The church has received a legacy of $500 from the estate of Mrs. Charles A. Nash.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Rev. Harvey V. Miller, after several years of service as pastor, presented his resignation on the last Sunday of March, to take effect on May 1. Mr. Miller has held the fort with Pilgrim Church and served during the very difficult period of relocating the church building. He has ministered to the needs of the people as a true pastor, and is deeply beloved by the entire membership. He will continue to make his home in Alameda, and will be available for temporary service with churches in this general vicinity.

FRESNO, FIRST. The Sunday Evening Forum continues with large attendance, in fact, the largest in the twenty-one years of its history. A thousand people were present one Sunday evening recently to hear Joseph James, the Negro baritone. Seventy-two men of the church are now in the armed forces. The church has made a New Year's resolution which it is carrying out, namely, that the first check to be written each month is going to benevolence apportionment. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

PALO ALTO. Rev. Augustine Jones is leading a study in the Life of Christ on Monday evenings during Lent. On Sunday mornings the immortal story of "The Young Man Who Recovered Himself," or the Prodigal Son, is presented. Supt. Harley H. Gill was the preacher at the morning service on the Sunday when the California Church Council held a United Advance convention in the city. Extensive additions and repairs to the organ are about to be made.

SALIDA. The Bethany Circle of the church is sponsoring the newly organized Girl Scout troop. A new gas floor furnace has been installed. Eighteen new names have been secured for the renewed Sunday School cradle roll. Joanna Wilder, former Pilgrim Fellowship state president, is Sunday School superintendent and teacher of intermediates. During the absence from the pulpit of Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, pastor, while having dental work attended to, Mr. W. L. Rowan of Modesto was the preacher.

EUREKA. Rev. Charles H. Hudson calls upon his people to ration their time so as to be able to call on those who are ill. The union Day of Prayer services were held in this church. A picture of the service flag and service roll has been given to parents or friends of the boys represented on them.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. For the first time in its history, the president of the church organization is a woman. Many of the young men are in the Service. The average congregation has been 47, whereas the present membership is 52. Can any other church in the Conference equal this record? Rev. Ivan Wong is pastor.

HAYWARD. The Episcopal, Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian and Congregational Churches of this city, encouraged by the success of a youth rally held under their auspices, have held a laymen's rally to consider new ways of appealing to the largely increased population. It is decided to canvass the new housing district with teams made up of two members each. An observation of the World Day of Prayer was conducted at Trinity Episcopal Church with members of the various churches leading in the liturgical service. Miss Mary Coxhead of Plymouth Church deeply impressed the congregation in her address on "The Fellowship of the Holy Imagination."

BENICIA. In order to promote regularity of attendance in the Sunday School, awards are given since many of the parents work on Sunday and the children are left to decide for themselves. A fine offering was given by the church school to the Committee for War Victims and Services. Plans are under way for new choir robes. Miss Grace Kendrick, assistant, is conducting a class in religious instruction for grade school children who wish to unite with the church. Rev. Isaac Fleming, the pastor, expects to have a good class of members at Easter.

SAN JOSE. A stimulating and worthwhile series of six panel discussions were begun in March on the theme, "Design for a Better World." These are held on Sunday following an informal luncheon immediately after the regular morning service. The topics are "Economic Reconstruction," "Family Life After the War," "Post-War Education," "Racial Minorities and the Future," "Religion's Contribution to the Post-War World," and "Political Reconstruction." Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

PITTSBURG. A service flag with 42 stars was presented to the church by the deacons and deaconesses, and two pulpit chairs have come through the generosity of individuals and officials. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, the pastor, is preaching on the Sayings of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John,—the "I Ams." During the month of March 44 states were represented by soldiers at the open house on Friday nights, and one Sunday chaplains from the nearby camps were guests.

REDWOOD CITY. Mrs. Scott Haymond, Federation president, has been announced as speaker at the April meeting of the Women's Guild. The deaconesses are making calls at homes, specifically assigned. An offering of $54 was given to the Gideons for their work in distributing Bibles. The women's groups of the church are maintaining wholesome social life as their contribution toward the building of morale. Rev. Charles E. Ward is the pastor.

SARATOGA. The sermon subjects during Lent, announced by Rev. Fred R. Morrow, are on "The Heroic Life." On Friday evenings there is a wholesome social occasion, with motion pictures. Mr. Morrow has been made co-ordinator for the summer conferences of young people, taking the place vacated by Rev. Verdette Walters, who has been called into the chaplaincy.

BERKELEY, NORTH. At the March meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, following luncheon and a devotional service, Rev. Miles B. Fisher spoke on "Northwestern Africa, Its Geography and History." The women of the church are making new choir robes, which will be completed by Easter. Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor.

RIO VISTA. Due to increased attendance of both Service men and church members, new hymnbooks are being ordered. Dr. Mary Cushman of West Africa aroused such interest in missions that four services were held on a single day, and her addresses were followed by question and answer until long after formal dismissal. A number of Army officers are regular attendants at church services. Under the leadership of Rev. E. T. Sherman, pastor, open house is held for Service men, which is much appreciated by the post chaplain since the only other places of interest or amusement are the saloon and theater.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John G. Dickey, besides conducting services in his two churches, has preached twice at White Pines. He gives much time to the War Price and Ration Board and is an air warden. He is using the calendar service of the General Council, mimeographing a leaflet giving order of service and announcements for both churches. A new interest in the adult class at Angels Camp has resulted in an increase in Sunday School attendance. The Murphys Church received seven people into membership during the past month.

ALTURAS. This church, which rarely has a missionary speaker, was fortunate in having two in less than a month, both of them medical missionaries, one a Baptist from South China, and the other Dr. Mary F. Cushman, Congregationalist, from West Africa. Plans are going forward for renovation of the auditorium of the Baptist building, which is used for services of worship by the Federated Church. There are two choirs, one of juniors and the other of young people. Rev. Theodore E. Schulz is pastor.

RENO. Rev. William Moll Case for his sermons during Lent has linked great Bible texts with recent religious books. For example, John 10:10 is the text for a sermon on Stanley Jones' "Abundant Life," and John 14:8 is the text for a sermon on Walter Russell Bowie's "Which Way Ahead." The Chest of Joash campaign brought in larger returns both for current expenses and benevolences than any other year during the present pastorate.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A new 16 mm. motion picture machine has been purchased by the Children's Project. A pastor's class is being conducted and new members will be received on Palm Sunday. A three-hour Good Friday service will be held, and instead of the usual Wednesday evening meeting in Holy Week there will be a Maundy Thursday communion service. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord is pastor.

SAN MATEO. Sunday evening sessions have been held during Lent on a study of the Post-War World. Attendance has not been large, but the results have been rewarding to those present. One by one various rooms or corners in the building have been beautified by individuals or organizations. Devotional booklets have been given to all of the boys who have gone into the service. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. On successive Sundays, Rev. George W. Shepherd of China and Rev. John S. Badeau of Egypt were preachers. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, is giving a series of devotional services on Wednesday mornings during Lent, the subject being the Seven "I Ams" of Jesus. The Young People's Forum is holding open house for Service men on Sunday afternoons.

SAN CARLOS. On March 31 this church, which has received missionary aid from its beginning, became self-supporting. Measuring up to its part of an agreement with the Conference made six years ago, the church has annually taken over an increased amount of the pastor's support until the Conference aid has disappeared. During the time, the salary has been increased, additional property purchased, the old building moved and renovated and considerably more than doubled in capacity. Congratulations of all Northern California churches to Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Loken and to their splendid co-laborers!

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Palm Sunday is the date on which new members will be received. Two classes of youth are meeting with the minister, Rev. Robert W. Inglis, to prepare for membership. Elizabeth Rankin Popper was presented at a twilight musicale on a recent Sunday afternoon to the great delight of a large congregation, who had known her as a young girl in the church, starting her musical career in the choir. Substantial gifts have come in toward the forward movement fund, helping to care for the expense of redecorating the auditorium.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. This church presented Roland Hayes in two great concerts during his recent visit to the coast. During Lent the pastor, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, is speaking on "The Teachings of Jesus,' and is drawing them from great books, such as "The Robe," by Lloyd Douglass, and "On Being a Real Person," by Fosdick. The series of speakers on various denominations, which comes on Thursday evenings, has been of very high order and has created much interest.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. The Town Hall is holding regular meetings with sufficiently good attendance to indicate that there is need for such gatherings. Mr. Herbert Dimock, the director, is giving a series of Lenten sermons on "The Meaning of Christ for Our Day." There will be a one-evening Christian education institute on "The Christian Family and the Church School in War Time," assisted by members of the Conference Committee on Religious Education.

FAIRFAX. During the past month the church has been favored with visits from Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hausske of China and Dr. Mary Cushman of Africa. Miss Alice English conducted a religious education institute in the church on April 1, with excellent results, the Sunday School teachers agreeing to follow some half dozen of the suggestions which she made. Rev. William W. Meyer is preaching a series of sermons during Lent on "The Twenty-Third Psalm."

ALAMEDA. During Lent Rev. Ralph V. Conard is preaching a series of sermons on "What Shall We Believe." The committee on the revision of the constitution has reported. Christian people of all denominations are deeply concerned about the great influx of population into the city. Housing units are being provided for about 9000 people, and this does not include other thousands filling every house in town.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

Remember: Since the Spring Meeting comes this year in May, there will be the regular monthly meeting on April 15 in the First Congregational Church of Oakland.

MARCH MEETING ECHOES

The usual monthly meeting of the Federation was held on Thursday, March 18, in the Oakland First Church. There were a number of absences from the Executive Board:: Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Young People's Secretary; Mrs. J. O. Ferris, President of Santa Clara Association, and Mrs. W. H. Davis, Thank Offering Secretary, because of illness; and Mrs. Verdette Walters, Home Field Secretary, because of her husband's sudden call to the Army. In Mrs. Davis' place, Mrs. Augustine Jones of Palo Alto read an interesting letter from Miss Marie Crosby, acting President of Means School in Dondi, our newest (at the moment) Thank Offering project, thanking us for our contribution to the school.

FROM DISTANT FRIENDS

It was pleasant to hear from two former members of our Federation: Mrs. A. V. Dunn, who was only recently with us, wrote from her new home in Vancouver, Washington. She assured us that the Bay region is not alone in experiencing grave housing difficulties, but she is settled finally at 406 Ford Building, Vancouver, Washington, and would welcome word from her friends. The other letter was from Mrs. Gail Cleland, who has been away not only from us but from California for many months, following the fortunes of her husband, Chaplain Cleland. Some of you will remember the vital account she gave at our spring meeting in First Church, San Francisco, just a year ago, telling of some of the many ways in which the Chaplain and his wife helped the homesick boys in camp at San Diego and at Fort McDowell. Now, if the editor does not miss her guess, the Chaplain's wife is homesick herself and would be glad to hear from any of her friends in the Federation. Her address is 20 Allard Blvd., New Orleans, La.

REPORTS

Mrs. Chester Gossett, our new Social Welfare Secretary, reported that she had tried in vain to get the list of our projects from the New York office, so that she might allocate quotas to our various societies. As soon as possible Mrs. Gossett will send them out. The reports of Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, and of Mrs. A. D. Hartwell, Secretary of the Christian Home, dove-tailed to a nicety. Miss Coxhead took as her topic, "Children and the War," and Mrs. Hartwell followed immediately with a list of valuable pamphlets for mothers, teachers, or anyone interested in children. Among these were the following:: "To Parents in War Time," a five-cent pamphlet issued by the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor; "Children in War Time," published by the Child Study Association of America at a cost of ten cents; "School Children and the War," by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, 2929 Broadway, New York, and "The Christian Family in War Time," by the International Council of Religious Education, both of the last two costing two cents each.

FROM ASSOCIATIONS

A number of interesting items were reported from the different Associations. Mrs. Edwin T. Sherman spoke of a fine Thank Offering program which had been put on by Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum of Benicia. Mrs. J. H. McCartney spoke of the war work being done by the churches in the Bay area, specifically of the work the women of the Broadmoor Church were doing for the men at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital. That hospital needs razor blades, stationery, handkerchiefs, tooth powder and brushes. Mrs. S. S. Focht of Redwood Empire told of the Women's Friendly Society of Guerneville, a group of young mothers who have taken over the Sunday School, to such good purpose that it is growing by leaps and bounds. Mrs. H. N. Dyke of Sacramento Association reported a successful Interracial Tea, with 200 in attendance, and a study of India, China, Mexico and Russia, the last-named country being represented by a native Russian lady. In Loomis fifty or sixty women from small outlying districts are preparing 25 layettes for the Red Cross.

GOOD BOOKS

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading List Chairman, in accordance with her announcement last month, listed a number of books especially appropriate for Lenten reading. The first book on her list was the Gospel of Luke, since, as she said, the purpose of Lent is to become better acquainted with Jesus. Among other books mentioned were Michael Komroff's "In the Years of Our Lord," E. Stanley Jones' "Abundant Living" and Georgia Harkness' "The Faith by Which the Church Lives." Do not forget that Mrs. Greisinger has promised to tell anyone where these books may be obtained. The women of First Church, Berkeley, have an unusually excellent library and offer library privileges to the rest of us.

FROM OVERSEAS

Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary, brought word from many of our workers abroad, and emphasized again that our foreign work is definitely not being given up. Dr. Alma Cooke is now Resident Physician at Stevens College, Missouri. Edith - Parsons is still in Turkey.

SPRING MEETING

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Program Chairman, announced that the Spring Meeting will be held on May 13, at the First Church, Berkeley. The speaker in the morning will be Mrs. Elizabeth Whiting, General Secretary of the Council for Social Action, and in the afternoon Dr. Albert Stauffacher, Executive Secretary of the Missions Council, both from the East and both excellent speakers.

INCOMPARABLE DR. CUSHMAN

It is not often that an outside speaker surpasses in interest the reports of our own women, but Dr. Mary Cushman, formerly of West Africa, held us all enthralled as she spoke of Dondi and Chilesso. After the meeting was over the women crowded around her, eager to hear more. Added interest was given Dr. Cushman's talk, since it concerned our Thank Offering project, the Means School for Girls at Dondi. Dr. Cushman's own work was not at Dondi, but she was thoroughly familiar with the conditions there and made the school live for us. Perhaps the highlight of her talk was her account of the Day of Prayer at Chilesso, just before she left for America. The women brought to that meeting their offerings of food grown on the special plot of ground each had set apart and cultivated for the service of the Lord. The schools bought the produce, and the women voted to send the proceeds to—China Relief! When Dr. Cushman told them that she was soon to go to America they asked to send a message. Said they: "Carry our greeting to those of us (a warmly intimate expression in the original) in the far foreign country."

The editor hopes that all the representatives of the various societies were able to carry back much of Dr. Cushman's message. It could not but stir us all to greater efforts for our Thank Offering, which is helping in such a rewarding work.

Family Week

Christian Family Week is an observance for Christian families and churches during National Family Week beginning the first Sunday in May and closing with the Festival of the Christian Home (or Mothers' Day) on the second Sunday.

The purpose of National Family Week is a nation-wide strengthening of family life. Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups are putting on parallel programs, and government agencies interested in the home are cooperating.

The Federal Council of Churches (297 Fourth Ave., New York) and the International Council of Religious Education (203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago) have printed leaflets, one cent each, entitled "Christian Family Week." These leaflets give suggested programs for the observance of Christian Family Week in the local church, in individual families, in groups of churches, together with a bibliography of helps and source material for family life programs.

Observe Christian Family Week: with special worship services and sermons; with a church-family night; with conferences of leaders to study the church's opportunity of enriching family life; with the seeking out of relocated or unchurched families; with family devotions, home recreation, family hobbies, family council; with a home dedication service; with good neighborliness; with speakers on family life programs at large mass meetings; with radio programs and newspaper articles; with a community group to plan for wholesome recreational life for young people, service for those needing resettlement, and promotion of a friendly spirit among all groups, nationalities and races.

Observe Christian Family Week!
Strengthen Christian family life!

STUDY HELPS FOR PEACE AND AFTER

The Conference Social Action Committee has completed the preparation of the bibliography for study of the post-war world, and it is ready for distribution to pastors and group leaders. This bibliography, which has been carefully prepared by Rev. Donald F. Gaylord and Prof. John C. Bennett, assisted by Miss Mary Coxhead and Mrs. Prescott Thompson, furnishes a list of materials suitable for those making a beginning in the study of the problem, for those who are more advanced, and also for those desiring to do some further research. The materials recommended for elementary study are suitable for young people's groups. Distinctions are indicated between literature which is purely factual and that which is written from a particular point of view for the purpose of persuading. Addresses of organizations and publishers are given, also the cost of the various items wherever they are known. It is believed by the Social Action Committee that churches should lose no time in having groups of young people, of women, of men, or of adults of both sexes, giving themselves to earnest study of the great questions involved and thus helping to prepare America for the day when it will be called upon to take world leadership. Copies may be ordered from the Conference office at five cents each. Please include payment with order.

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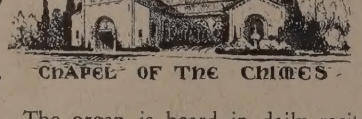

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